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QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.**No. 19.—MARCH QUARTER, 1940.**

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Quarter ended 31st March, 1940.

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1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population at end of period.			Natural Increase	Migration—Increase + Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter- state.	Total.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st December, 1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	—363	— 987	—1,350
1933	291,722	290,955	582,677	3,996	+ 7	— 619	— 612
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	—1,439
1935	293,650	292,793	586,443	3,107	—131	— 827	— 958
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+242	— 820	— 578
1937	295,611	295,590	591,201	3,738	— 7	— 1,842	—1,849
1938	297,549	297,560	595,109	3,871	+346	— 309	— 37
1939	298,217	298,828	597,045	3,879	+424	— 2,367	—1,943
June Quarter, 1938	296,156	296,136	592,292	1,022	— 72	— 413	— 485
1939	297,890	297,880	595,770	1,072	— 91	— 587	— 678
Sept. Quarter, 1938	296,621	296,638	593,259	748	+ 54	+ 165	+ 219
1939	298,528	298,585	597,113	797	+235	+ 311	+ 546
Dec. Quarter, 1938	297,549	297,560	595,109	1,048	+480	+ 322	+ 802
1939	298,217	298,828	597,045	913	+278	— 1,259	— 981

Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1939, 322,988, or 54 per cent. of State.

2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1933.....	8,900	4,904	3,973	286
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1937.....	8,985	5,247	5,340	297
1938.....	9,410	5,539	5,489	287
1939.....	9,618	5,739	5,670	336
January, 1939	859	658	365	35
1940	870	486	436	33
February, 1939	793	389	431	22
1940	833	398	373	29
March, 1939	867	375	441	25
1940	826	445	745	31
March Quarter, 1939	2,519	1,422	1,237	82
1940	2,529	1,329	1,554	93

3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1940.							State 34 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South-East.	Western.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1939.	101 Years' Mean.
January	In. 1.09	In. 1.50	In. .77	In. 1.47	In. 1.43	In. .72	In. 1.21	In. .52	In. 1.20	In. .75
February37	.25	.15	.42	.30	.26	.30	.73	.38	.74
March52	.33	.04	.48	.71	.28	.47	.72	.59	1.02
April	2.39	1.50	.75	2.79	1.31	2.30	1.74	.93	2.79	1.75
	April to November.								Jan.-Dec.	
1939.....	17.09	13.38	10.58	20.93	12.27	9.73	13.62	—	23.29	21.15
1938.....	12.28	9.67	7.04	15.29	9.38	7.28	10.00	—	19.26	—
Mean, 34 years.	15.88	12.12	8.74	19.26	10.97	10.29	12.50	12.50	—	—

4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	January.			February.			March.		
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1938.	1939.	1940.
State Government (a)	113	114	115	113	116	115	114	117	116
Commonwealth Government ... (a)	123	126	136	122	128	136	123	130	135
Local Government (a)	103	105	105	106	111	111	108	118	110
Public Bodies (a)	105	109	111	109	111	108	109	111	108
Banks (a)	108	111	114	109	112	116	110	113	116
Life Assurance ... (a)	124	127	126	124	128	126	125	128	127
General Insurance (b)	120	122	134	120	127	135	121	130	137
Retailers (b)	115	111	111	112	112	110	112	111	109
Merchants (Wool, Wheat, etc.) ... (b)	136	141	165	139	146	164	140	141	156
Factories (b)	163	162	163	167	163	163	169	165	166

(a) Complete.

(b) Returns received from representative firms only.

5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent.	28.3	22.0	13.6	9.4	7.3	9.4
Labour Exchange Registrations end June No.	16,559	13,111	10,970	8,033	7,739	8,574
Employment in Factories						
Index No. (a)	91	104	120	127	138	133
	January.		February.		March.	
	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent.	—	—	9.3	8.5	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month No.	7,489	6,574	6,300	5,946	7,075	5,494
Employment in Factories,						
Index No. (a).....	137	138	139	139	140	141

(a) Base, 1929-30 = 100.

6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Rail- ways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Rail- ways (b)	Unem- ployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Year, 1931-32	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1932-33	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1933-34	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1934-35	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1935-36	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1936-37	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
1937-38	2,358	1,564	3,293	12,461	5,061	2,765	319	12,334
1938-39	2,424	1,692	3,165	12,304	5,096	2,851	304	12,701
January, 1939.....	127	83	237	961	731	218	24	1,319
1940.....	258	425	248	1,496	727	244	26	1,368
February, 1939	326	120	232	1,105	237	207	26	802
1940.....	304	132	219	1,121	248	228	24	877
March, 1939.....	387	343	244	1,377	375	234	27	1,042
1940.....	371	243	282	1,277	371	214	20	961
March Quarter, 1939....	840	546	713	3,443	1,343	659	77	3,163
1940....	933	800	749	3,894	1,346	686	70	3,206
July-March, 1938-39 ...	1,272	1,246	2,337	8,613	3,866	2,018	219	9,328
1939-40 ...	1,361	1,432	2,283	8,862	3,949	2,033	249	9,600

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly and quarterly.

7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, etc.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 2 0
1937.....	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184 13 11
1938.....	107,450,640	1,944,607	109,395,247	184 14 0
1939.....	108,887,092	1,420,158	110,307,250	185 3 0
31st Mar., 1939.....	108,971,979	922,370	109,894,349	184 11 7
1940.....	109,869,100	705,027	110,574,127	185 4 0

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.						Advances. to Deposits.	
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.			
	£	%	£	%	£	%		
June Quarter								
1932	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09	
1933	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44	
1934	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69	
1935	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68	
1936	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10	
1937	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95	
1938	18,559,625	73·47	6,701,860	26·53	25,261,485	19,306,744	76·43	
1939	18,845,522	74·18	6,558,821	25·82	25,404,343	19,808,154	77·97	
Mar. Quarter								
1939	18,866,562	73·50	6,801,250	26·50	25,667,812	19,400,872	75·58	
1940	19,354,947	72·04	7,511,729	27·96	26,866,176	17,906,876	66·65	

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, March Quarter, 1940. Advances, £2,988,321; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £2,488,122, Not Bearing Interest, £1,204,867; Total £3,692,989.

9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
1931-32	No. 572,051	£ 21,566,825	£ s. d. 37 6 2	£ 100,419,134	£ 1,919,426
1932-33	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35	579,995	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37	645,211	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
1937-38	657,799	27,243,643	45 19 11	158,944,202	3,039,755
1938-39	669,675	27,397,007	45 19 9	153,932,144	2,952,870
January, 1939.....	662,144	27,119,586	45 11 5	11,013,967	2,381,486
1940.....	671,952	26,977,294	45 3 8	14,600,966	3,304,564
February, 1939.....	665,461	26,981,791	45 6 5	12,622,531	3,155,312
1940.....	675,722	27,242,331	45 12 7	17,129,864	4,124,081
March, 1939.....	668,085	26,845,955	45 1 10	14,046,964	3,167,853
1940.....	677,256	27,199,868	45 11 2	15,788,568	3,514,609

10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
1937-38	19,057,243	15,246,000	7,473,802	7,772,198
1938-39	14,841,507	11,873,000	5,851,043	6,021,957
January, 1939.....	1,115,666	893,000	549,703	343,297
1940.....	1,041,782	833,000	645,720	187,280
February, 1939.....	1,099,136	879,000	526,576	352,424
1940.....	1,124,467	900,000	875,352	24,648
March, 1939.....	1,365,200	1,092,000	427,273	664,727
1940.....	1,291,461	1,033,000	405,455	627,545
March Quarter, 1939.....	3,580,002	2,864,000	1,503,552	1,360,448
1940.....	3,457,710	2,766,000	1,926,527	839,473
July-March, 1938-39	11,841,643	9,473,000	4,566,454	4,906,546
1939-40	10,413,488	8,331,000	4,924,543	3,406,457

11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-March.	
		1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Quantities—							
Barley	bush.	3,360,946	2,312,332	4,390,374	2,248,212	1,732,502	748,134
Flour	ton	60,157	58,590	68,231	86,678	63,885	59,079
Wheat	bush.	22,669,070	16,770,810	28,805,592	18,486,303	15,407,166	7,216,719
Butter	lb.	7,953,012	7,291,690	8,809,153	7,385,564	6,141,640	8,411,809
Cheese	lb.	3,898,651	7,289,309	10,109,467	12,907,683	11,090,920	13,763,100
Eggs in shell	doz.	3,456,050	2,745,480	1,225,550	1,395,540	1,395,240	1,395,660
Lamb	carcasses	342,177	420,374	376,893	667,248	666,324	687,823
Wool (a)	lb.	75,847,402	70,875,617	68,008,006	87,272,802	71,628,812	59,810,385
Currants and raisins	lb.	27,504,426	25,108,567	38,507,866	42,692,777	16,723,395	7,123,045
Wine	gall.	3,427,516	3,679,365	3,478,450	3,440,509	2,915,384	2,670,260
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	cwt.	3,749,405	2,393,740	3,171,943	4,077,760	2,889,577	2,035,271
Lead	cwt.	2,131,846	1,796,399	2,057,624	1,994,054	1,641,441	1,273,469
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley	£	353,533	432,079	746,661	279,311	218,883	88,804
Flour	£	422,899	558,675	617,446	498,396	374,708	379,018
Wheat	£	4,087,227	4,356,206	6,306,741	2,532,065	2,077,953	950,407
Butter	£	400,509	395,448	496,326	413,471	322,946	464,494
Cheese	£	80,851	166,122	294,136	372,776	321,875	409,149
Eggs in shell	£	165,892	140,542	68,441	75,915	75,894	72,329
Lamb	£	288,017	352,575	367,078	682,682	681,973	712,973
Wool	£	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,267,842	3,461,417	2,859,747	2,962,018
Currants and raisins	£	512,714	459,518	730,550	787,524	312,598	138,060
Wine	£	870,710	955,033	857,291	919,983	784,317	696,988
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	£	531,685	737,060	684,856	553,410	432,379	355,944
Lead	£	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,992,168	1,846,630	1,535,546	1,280,425

(a) Including scoured converted to greasy.

12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-March.	
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
(British Currency.)						
Apparel and attire	£	61,419	62,758	78,970	74,326	61,056
Bags and sacks	£	312,623	315,346	300,072	274,076	239,516
Fertilizers—Rock phosphates	£	129,773	129,015	131,000	138,981	94,833
Iron and steel	£	433,653	350,041	794,299	311,174	271,827
Machines and machinery	£	601,041	730,242	1,111,567	912,006	757,302
Motor bodies, chassis, etc. . .	£	375,010	373,703	515,185	354,923	272,870
Petrol, etc.....	£	417,979	421,437	562,893	495,219	379,969
Kerosene.....	£	68,194	62,706	124,132	66,751	48,480
Other oils in bulk	£	180,426	165,611	249,986	245,930	148,325
Paper	£	195,972	269,392	224,787	234,798	163,253
Stationery, books, etc.....	£	111,022	109,701	131,959	147,968	96,909
Tea	£	111,940	121,758	113,900	108,425	82,556
Textiles, piecegoods, etc. . .	£	610,588	612,363	733,714	600,050	477,792
Timber	£	274,150	175,886	526,309	294,297	207,644

13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. a.	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
Year 1931-32 ..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	1,000m.
1932-33 ..	2,744,741	1,894,477	4,909,588	16,074,121	2,401,070	166,409
1933-34 ..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	172,106
1934-35 ..	2,669,470	2,023,918	5,080,319	16,660,213	2,346,736	175,559
1935-36 ..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	177,655
1936-37 ..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	189,061
1937-38 ..	3,299,084	2,612,562	6,111,121	17,632,125	2,897,351	205,329
1938-39 ..	3,133,373	2,675,299	6,177,407	17,528,651	2,661,168	200,144
Dec., 1938	301,850	233,497	492,581	1,804,021	205,755	31,406
1939	305,632	239,794	473,040	1,786,076	209,149	31,632
Jan., 1939	236,497	220,041	504,708	1,508,021	236,253	18,366
1940	248,406	241,257	481,161	1,536,659	191,085	18,270
Feb., 1939	232,143	205,364	475,844	1,264,307	196,369	13,748
1940	218,784	229,134	470,058	1,332,057	236,948	15,135
July-February, 1938-39	2,091,789	1,784,095	4,062,570	11,519,753	1,708,364	141,359
1939-40	2,001,176	1,817,582	3,924,210	11,507,660	1,653,772	143,173

a Excluding pensions and capital charges.

14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Depart- ment- al.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 ..	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1932-33 ..	276,764	685,430	24,585	22,429	1,009,208	283,604
1933-34 ..	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1934-35 ..	313,338	713,036	22,416	15,638	1,064,428	281,109
1935-36 ..	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 ..	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
1937-38 ..	421,956	950,375	27,297	33,909	1,433,537	365,066
1938-39 ..	421,187	951,051	25,840	31,844	1,429,922	348,614
Dec., 1938	41,445	59,873	2,426	6,789	110,533	23,603
1939	39,940	58,894	5,921	3,829	108,584	20,781
Jan., 1939	39,989	67,931	2,332	1,845	112,097	23,220
1940	38,502	59,217	6,460	1,956	106,135	21,944
Feb., 1939	31,842	71,788	2,022	2,188	107,840	24,505
1940	31,724	71,147	6,034	1,813	110,718	27,083
July-February, 1938-39	281,544	618,235	16,866	21,727	938,372	218,602
1939-40	279,358	565,003	32,150	19,341	895,852	205,653

15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Electricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1933.....	1,762	131,929	20,203	71,926
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1935.....	1,752	131,830	20,404	72,298
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
1938.....	1,897	141,572	22,716	81,081
1939.....	1,948	144,948	23,869	87,084
27th November to 24th December, 1938	2,019	156,065	24,002	88,971
26th November to 23rd December, 1939	2,052	156,892	24,660	88,719
25th December, 1938 to 31st Jan., 1939	1,985	142,967	23,892	81,467
24th December, 1939 to 31st Jan., 1940	2,046	146,812	24,198	82,232
1st February to 4th March, 1939.....	1,961	146,113	24,289	87,194
1st February to 2nd March, 1940.....	2,005	148,430	24,455	88,004

16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
January	415	353	152	92	66	50
February	493	400	194	133	82	48
March	524	363	215	135	91	44
March Quarter.....	1,432	1,116	561	360	239	142
Second-hand Vehicles—						
January	995	943	358	373	424	429
February	1,105	1,140	388	395	464	487
March	1,402	1,200	508	420	516	468
March Quarter.....	3,502	3,283	1,254	1,188	1,404	1,384
Renewals—						
March Quarter.....	4,603	8,123	2,080	3,287	1,177	1,731
Cancellations—						
March Quarter.....	3,425	2,772	1,016	835	952	764
Expirations—						
March Quarter.....	5,964	9,111	2,433	2,625	1,746	2,286

17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a).				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- merical Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
Year ended Dec., 1931 ..	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1932 ..	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1933 ..	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934 ..	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935 ..	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936 ..	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1937 ..	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
1938 ..	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	6,095	58,960	20,568	115,571
1939 ..	59,345	25,740	9,492	94,577	5,449	61,565	16,460	120,584
January, 1939	60,629	25,029	10,222	95,880	468	59,222	894	115,806
1940	59,416	25,856	9,542	94,814	480	61,797	1,340	121,904
February, 1939	60,375	25,141	10,237	95,753	370	59,424	1,065	116,023
1940	59,586	25,967	9,633	95,186	639	62,067	1,249	122,445
March, 1939	60,685	25,431	10,335	96,451	538	59,940	1,332	116,816
1940	59,984	26,115	9,699	95,798	471	62,328	1,149	121,954

(a) At end of period stated.

18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Tons. £ s. d.	Prime. £ s. d.	Prime. s. d.	Prime. s. d.
January, 1939	2 2	2 2	2 4	2 15 0	12 12 6	13 0	17 6
1940	a	a	1 3½	1 15 0	11 13 0	19 3	19 3
February, 1939	2 2½	2 2½	2 4	2 15 0	12 10 0	13 9	17 3
1940	a	a	1 3½	1 16 3	11 15 0	19 9	18 6
March, 1935	2 10	2 7	2 0½	2 17 6	8 17 6	15 3	15 0
1936	3 6	1 9	1 10	1 17 6	11 1 3	21 9	19 9
1937	5 3	4 3½	2 4½	3 15 0	10 8 3	24 9	20 6
1938	3 9½	3 2	2 6	2 4 6	12 2 0	20 0	19 0
1939	1 11¾	2 2	2 1½	2 15 0	14 13 0	19 3	20 0
1940	a	a	1 5½	1 17 9	12 13 9	20 0	19 3

a No quotations.

19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realized.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
Year, 1931-32	Bales.	Lb.	£	d.	Bales.
	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6·88	14,065
	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7·32	4,212
	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13·96	20,045
	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8·14	4,815
	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11·92	5,029
	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13·66	4,040
	273,056	85,165,647	4,018,205	11·28	13,913
1938-39	325,854	100,982,688	3,842,380	9·10	7,192

1939-40 Wool sales have been cancelled owing to purchase of wool by British Government.

20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lb.	Flour, 2lb.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7lb.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
January, 1939....	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
1940.....	5·50	4·55	27·85	5·95	19·50	14·60	15·14	7·75	7·60
February, 1939....	5·50	4·55	31·60	5·85	19·05	12·65	8·33	7·35	7·85
1940.....	5·50	4·55	32·35	5·85	19·05	14·95	6·42	7·70	8·20
March, 1935.....	4·45	444·00	27·40	5·70	17·90	10·90	b17·71	5·75	6·85
1936.....	4·45	a37·10	27·40	5·65	17·50	12·25	b13·25	6·00	6·90
1937.....	5·50	4·30	27·85	5·95	17·70	17·65	5·99	6·00	7·60
1938.....	5·00	4·25	27·85	5·85	19·05	18·45	6·86	7·60	7·90
1939.....	5·50	4·60	27·85	5·85	19·50	17·20	19·57	8·35	8·15
1940.....	5·50	4·55	32·15	5·85	19·05	16·95	7·00	7·60	8·10

a For 25lb. b For 14lb.

21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	January.		February.		March.	
	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.
Food and groceries	888	872	914	883	919	888
			Year.		March Quarter.	
			1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Food and groceries	798	826	861	897	907	881
Housing (four and five rooms)	795	832	868	888	884	—
Food, groceries, and housing	796	826	862	891	896	—
All items (a)	839	859	888	906	908	912

(a) "All items"; food, groceries, housing (four and five rooms), clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure.

22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£			
Year, 1931.....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932.....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1933.....	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000
1934.....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1935.....	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	141,169
1936.....	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	351,301
1937.....	1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	77,671
1938.....	1,562	1,139,906	196	496,305	395,270	2,031,481	203,650
1939.....	1,537	1,128,933	186	904,480	348,824	2,382,237	163,904
January, 1939	107	78,965	10	15,973	24,686	119,624	763
1940	144	92,329	9	33,902	19,201	145,432	107,528
February, 1939	115	81,914	23	10,796	18,349	111,059	37,223
1940	163	109,399	8	23,355	34,402	167,156	4,811
March, 1939	135	94,204	22	131,490	25,155	250,849	11,203
1940	102	78,354	3	84,761	18,247	181,362	2,488
March Quarter, 1939	357	255,083	55	158,259	68,190	481,532	49,189
1940	409	280,082	20	142,018	71,850	493,950	114,827

23.—SALES TAX.

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Year.
1932.....	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,069	876	848	11,159	2,416	2,202	2,084	26,577
1933.....	918	796	911	10,377	2,253	2,137	2,251	26,197
1934.....	951	698	797	10,014	2,179	1,744	2,385	26,243
1935.....	973	769	863	11,124	2,369	2,461	2,186	28,414
1936.....	1,102	902	960	11,909	2,509	2,269	2,294	29,901
1937.....	966	1,148	963	12,587	2,680	2,731	2,717	35,696
1938.....	1,142	962	1,051	12,685	3,354	2,592	3,296	36,968
1939.....	1,172	975	1,041	12,330	2,933	2,538	3,069	35,562
1940.....	1,469	1,063	1,005	—	3,944	3,170	2,918	—

Numerous commodities were exempted from tax as from 1st September, 1932, 26th October, 1933, 1st August, 1934, 25th October, 1935, 26th September, 1936, and 13th December, 1938. Consequently many traders dealing exclusively in exempt goods ceased to supply returns and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the records has been progressively reduced. The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for this fact.

24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, ETC.

Period.	Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
	Compan- ies.	Author- ized Capital.	Loans.	Dis- charges.	
Year 1931.....	No.	£	£	£	£
1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1932.....	115	2,119,500	4,389,999	2,500,727	4,574,025
1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1934.....	139	2,335,485	4,060,222	3,769,315	5,708,100
1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1936.....	99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106	8,368,200
1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
1938.....	139	2,630,225	7,224,649	5,343,113	10,648,900
1939.....	149	3,625,928	5,807,137	4,229,509	8,226,650
January, 1939.....	9	160,008	399,995	290,759	449,800
1940.....	6	40,900	368,028	307,891	630,700
February, 1939.....	11	660,000	436,540	279,332	644,900
1940.....	9	26,000	725,967	321,797	553,300
March, 1939.....	16	1,091,500	646,563	335,845	865,700
1940.....	6	43,500	433,146	393,504	739,200
March Quarter, 1939	36	1,911,508	1,483,098	905,936	1,960,400
1940	21	110,400	1,527,141	1,023,192	1,923,200

25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, Etc.).

	Period.	Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
			No.	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
	1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
	1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
	1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
	1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
	1936.....	342	551	1,964,627	1,420,209	544,418
	1937.....	227	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
	1938.....	245	461	1,526,833	1,070,393	456,440
	1939.....	344	630	1,909,887	1,283,966	625,921
January,	1939.....	6	27	51,061	41,225	9,836
	1940.....	9	21	43,826	28,954	14,872
February,	1939.....	50	66	305,505	186,493	119,012
	1940.....	24	45	107,869	87,664	20,205
March,	1939.....	112	155	587,590	393,926	193,664
	1940.....	71	96	272,525	259,444	13,081
March Quarter,	1939	168	248	944,156	621,644	322,512
	1940	104	162	424,220	376,062	48,158

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lb.).			Cheese (lb.).		
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
In Factories.						
January	1,567,987	1,150,267	1,651,365	1,480,196	1,189,616	1,688,507
February	1,267,127	973,160	1,375,266	1,056,912	789,682	1,231,104
March	1,248,791	1,042,799	1,053,338	1,098,391	855,652	897,477
July-March....	15,689,665	14,066,518	16,607,613	12,670,836	15,175,711	17,939,841
Year.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
In Factories ..	17,131,365	18,922,496	17,553,631	12,164,717	15,516,879	18,457,298
On Farms	3,761,004	3,505,802	3,162,953	102	—	300
Total	20,892,369	22,428,298	20,716,584	12,164,819	15,516,879	18,457,598

**27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS
(for home consumption).**

Period.		Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January-March,	1939....	6,483	7,372	9,442	80,692	83,653	5,871
	1940....	6,756	6,491	9,082	73,030	78,257	6,214
January-December,	1936....	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665	43,216
	1937....	35,734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183
	1938....	30,562	27,136	45,080	306,068	327,543	31,443
	1939....	28,216	26,240	42,156	327,660	341,073	29,602

28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In British Units).

Year Ended February.				Quarter Ended February.	
1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
60,471,874	68,796,508	79,665,733	94,707,895	28,031,276	30,719,507
1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1939.	1940.
108,376,745	126,035,337	137,216,465	144,504,585	33,597,994	35,248,619

29.—GAS AND ELECTRICITY OUTPUT.

1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
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Gas (1,000 cubic feet).

1,120,686	1,066,471	1,082,217	1,090,249	1,119,278	1,154,878	1,181,975
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Electricity (1,000 British Units).

148,348	165,598	176,434	200,488	223,925	240,903	256,282
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30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Wheat.....	acres bush. average	2,989,490 31,615,744 10·58	3,058,457 28,714,653 9·39	3,161,739 43,428,423 13·73	3,080,401 31,674,418 10·28	b2,800,000 b35,000,000 b12·50
Barley.....	acres bush. average	393,741 6,493,983 16·49	304,559 4,260,462 13·99	411,288 8,647,043 21·02	457,039 7,541,090 16·50	b510,000 b9,250,000 b18·14
Oats.....	acres bush. average	299,771 2,380,908 7·94	414,723 2,363,806 5·70	332,434 2,960,944 8·91	266,842 2,401,128 9·00	b360,000 b3,500,000 b9·72
Hay.....	acres tons average	566,064 586,658 1·04	539,127 501,003 0·93	562,057 687,312 1·22	519,309 585,554 1·13	b530,000 b605,000 b1·14
Manures used						
Crops	tons	147,854	161,654	176,351	179,118	—
Pastures ..	tons	26,739	46,399	51,196	56,325	—
Cattle	No.	335,354	328,913	324,163	318,897	—
Horses	No.	197,368	200,870	197,334	195,834	—
Sheep	No.	7,945,745	7,905,112	8,904,402	9,936,586	—
Pigs	No.	93,458	85,048	66,647	71,292	—
Sheep Shorn ..	No.	8,091,682	7,940,476	8,654,764	9,942,135	—
Wool Clip ...	lb.	70,912,985	66,743,386	74,893,269	88,345,467	b87,000,000
Wool Prodn. (a)	lb.	81,709,440	76,604,296	86,606,388	102,888,121	b102,000,000
Ewes Mated ..	No.	3,408,758	3,519,568	3,662,227	4,202,848	b4,400,000
Lambs Marked	No.	2,049,514	2,079,426	2,476,804	3,077,634	b3,075,000
Wine—						
Beverage...	gall.	7,745,622	7,434,170	6,928,378	6,045,301	—
Distillation	gall.	5,277,965	7,592,332	8,960,500	5,101,745	—
Total ...	gall.	13,023,587	15,026,502	15,888,878	11,147,046	—
Currants	cwt.	117,415	161,858	187,332	191,381	—
Raisins	cwt.	210,166	227,631	332,178	233,138	—
Apples	bush.	939,240	841,504	1,275,486	808,020	—
Oranges.....	bush.	645,291	654,889	802,255	815,460	—
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,895	1,916	1,980	2,067	—
Hands ...	No.	38,471	40,710	44,084	43,371	—
Wages, etc.	£	6,694,151	7,518,239	8,412,975	8,547,462	—
Output ...	£	31,904,091	34,528,176	36,239,937	35,005,264	—
Production						
Value...	£	11,669,705	12,271,563	13,820,155	13,678,930	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	44,732	48,800	54,205	50,057	—
	£	4,579,921	5,395,553	6,255,724	6,035,238	—

a Including wool on skins. *b* Estimated—Cereals probably under-estimated; wheat being possibly 41,000,000 bush.